

When I had gone to the hospital for treatment to my throat trouble, for two hours I was not looked after and afterwards they gave me some tablets.

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY.—I am not trying to rebut the charge of the hon. member. I am trying to understand the problem. After all it is a public issue. When a public matter is brought to the notice of the House, we must try to solve it.

The hon. member has lost his voice, to that extent the house has lost the voice of the hon. member. The accident occurred in the midnight; immediately thereafter the police had gone and taken the injured to the hospital.

2-30 P.M.

Then hon. Member said that there were no records in the hospital. According to the information which I have, they have entered in the register of accidents and after the death they have held the post-mortem in the Victoria Hospital. That is according to the records of the Hospital.

Then the hon. Member said certain things about the treatment which they got. He further said that they could have given better treatment. I am not going to contradict this aspect. What treatment has been given etc.,—I don't have any information. Again, the lady who is there is not given proper treatment. Definitely, I am going to into this aspect and I will see that proper treatment is given to the lady.

(ii) *re: inclusion of the names of two renowned Historical temples of Bijapur in tourist literature.*

† SRI S. H. S. BAKSHI (Bijapur).—Sir, I raise a matter regarding the inclusion of two renowned historical temples of Bijapur in tourist literature. I have got tourist literature herewhich is published by the Karnataka State Tourist Information, in which these two historical temples have not been included. I want to give a brief history of these temples to the House.

Firstly, there is one Parshwanath temple which is located three K.Ms. from Bijapur near Darga village. It has a beautiful Parshwanath idol, the height of which is 4'. It has 1,001 hooded snakes. If one drop of water is poured on the top of the hooded snake which is divided into 1,001 parts and falls from the shoulder of the idol. Number of foreign tourists go there and visit this place and most of my Hindu brothers must have seen this temple. This belongs to 3rd Century A.D. and brought by Ibrahim Adil Shah II, who was a Sanskrit scholar

and fond of music. He has written a book Sanskrit called 'Kitab-E-Navaras' which has been translated by one Prof. Kureshi of Lucknow University. This historical temple has not been included in the tourist literature.

Another temple which is very important is the Narasimha Temple situated at Thorave, 5 Kms. from Bijapur. It has got its own historical significance. In this temple, a special underground cell is made by King Ibrahim Adil Shah II to protect this valuable statue is wonderful. To reach this statue one has to pass through a tunnel of 3 curves then the main cell which contains the sanctum sanctorum of the deity will be seen clearly. The statue consists of ten Dashavataras but the main avatara is Narasimha and remaining are carved out to subordinate the main deity. As far as my knowledge goes, this is the only statue in which Narasimha is placed as the major avatara among the other dashavataras. As per the conversation I had with the Secretary, the Bijapur District Tourism Development Association the price of this statue as assessed by the Foreign Tourists is lakhs of dollars. Thousands of pilgrims are visiting these two temples, specially, foreign tourists are taking much more interest in it. But unfortunately, the Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka, is not aware of the fact.

Neither they have publicised the photographs of these nor even mentioned the names of these two marvellous temples, in the tourist literature brought out by the department of tourism, Government of Karnataka. This is nothing but a utter negligence of the said department. There are some other places of tourist attraction Bijapur District viz. Pattadakallu, and Badami. There is no road to go to Thoravi. Therefore, I request the Government of Karnataka to include these two temples in the tourist literature. I also request the Government to direct the Deputy Commissioner of Bijapur to arrange for repair of the approach roads to the said temples for the convenience of the tourists.

Another request I want to make is this. There is no mini-bus in Bijapur though it is an important tourist centre to go to places like, Pattadakallu, Badami and Ihole etc., I request the Minister to put one mini bus to Bijapur so that it will help the tourists who come over there. I also lastly request the Minister to include these two temples in the tourist map. I will send the photographs to the Speaker.

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—Sir, I completely agree with the hon. Member and I assure hon. Member that these two temples will be included in the tourist map of Karnataka and all those facilities will be given. And as suggested by hon. Member one mini bus will also be started there at Bijapur.